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Satellite photography of North Korea, taken on [REDACTED] reveals that resurfacing of the main runways at both Namsi and Pyong-ni Airfields and the extension of the runway at Namsi now give these airfields the capability of deploying FISHBED aircraft.

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As shown on the accompanying map (Figure 1), there apparently is a direct correlation between FISHBED deployment and 8,200-foot runways in North Korea. This correlation is supported by developments at Hwangju and Changjin-up Airfields, where the runways were extended to 8,200 feet in [REDACTED] and FISHBED were observed in [REDACTED]. Since the runways at both Namsi and Pyong-ni Airfields have recently been resurfaced and the runway at Namsi extended to 8,315 feet, it is possible that FISHBED will soon be assigned to either or both of these fields (Figures 2 and 3).

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Deployment of FISHBED to these fields would be consistent with other activity observed in North Korea during the past year (e.g., increased SAM deployment) designed to upgrade the quality and coverage of North Korean air defense forces.

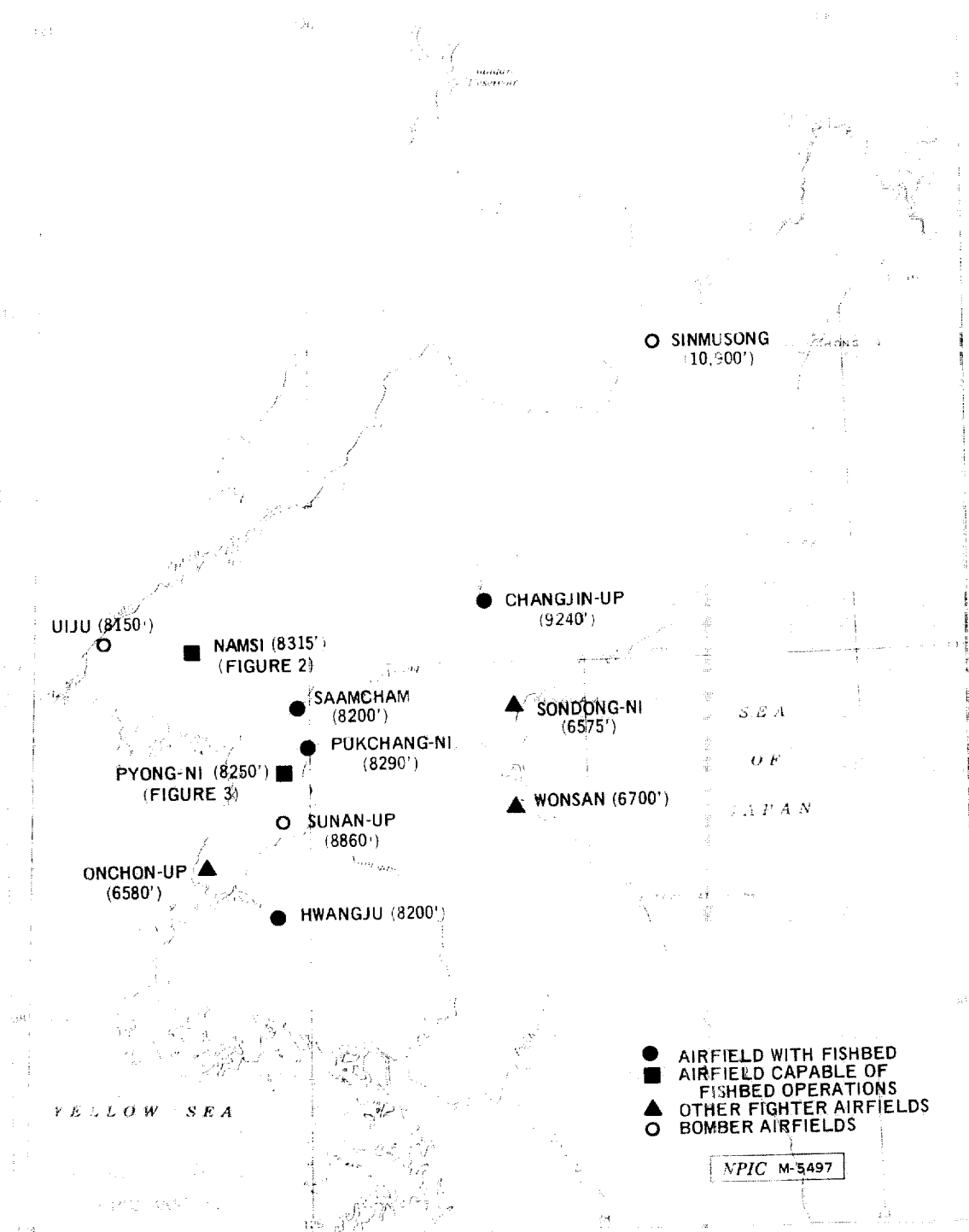
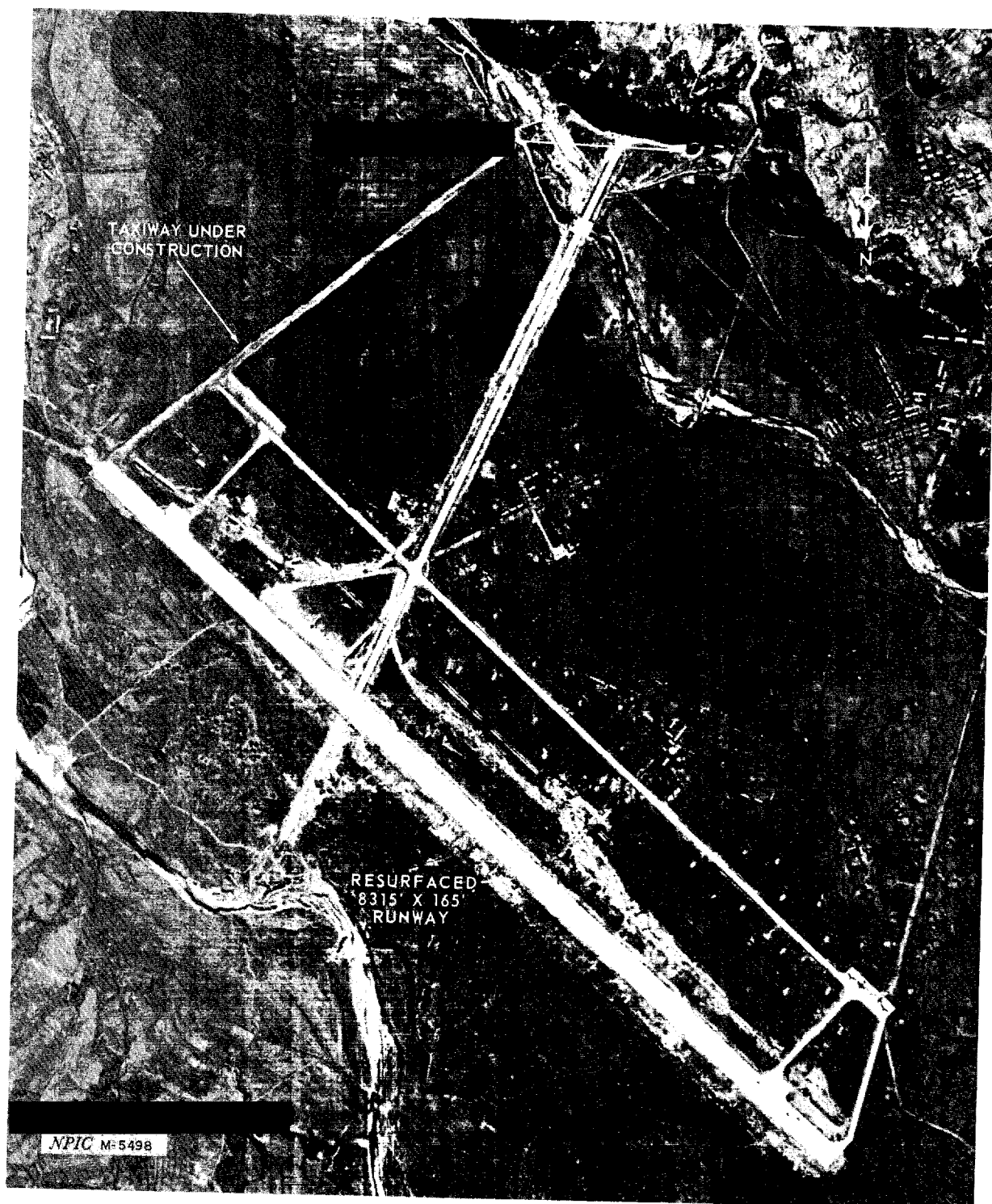


FIGURE 1. MAJOR AIRFIELDS, WITH RUNWAY LENGTHS, NORTH KOREA.

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FIGURE 2. NANSI AIRFIELD, NORTH KOREA.

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FIGURE 3. PYONG-NI AIRFIELD, NORTH KOREA.

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